

## 2019 LE GALANT



### HARVEST PERIOD:

Hand harvested April 2nd - 25th, 2019

### WINERY ARRIVAL:

Bunches arrived in small bins to ensure no berry damage, berries inspected over sorting table after destemming and gravity transferred to fermentation vats.

### FERMENTATION:

Grape lots kept separate by variety, cold soak for 3 days then soft extraction of polyphenols during fermentation applying "pigeage" and slow pump overs.

### COOPERAGES:

Barrels from four French coopers were selected based on tasting results over a 12-month period.

### BARREL AGING:

100% new French oak 15 months

### VARIETIAL BLEND:

Cabernet Sauvignon 85%, Merlot 8%, Cabernet Franc 5% & Malbec 2%

### APPELLATION:

Hawkes Bay

### FINAL ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 13.5%, T.A.:5.66, pH: 3.88

### BOTTLING DATE:

September 15, 2020

Egg white fined and filtered before bottling.

### PRODUCTION:

50 cases or 600 bottles (750ml)

Excellent 2019 growing conditions made for a great vintage, a wonderful long summer another great year for Cabernet Sauvignon. Summer while not as hot as previous years, but with its longer duration continue to ripe the fruit to its full potential. After pressing, the juice was aged completely in new French oak which plays a vital role by supporting the concentrated fruit flavours and provide the complexity towards Cabernet Sauvignon showing Le Galant 2019 to be a strong wine with power, length and firm structure.

A richly scented, concentrated and powerful bouquet. Aromas of dark berries, chocolate and plums, black currant and blackberry, violets and smoky oak. Full-bodied with luscious mouthfeel led by flavours of dark berries, contrasting acidity and textures from an abundance of chalky tannins. There's no mistaking the use of oak building a strong foundation for the blend of Merlot and Cabernets with Malbec to create synergies. Best window for drinking from 2021 through 2031+.